

ness, wider publicity and education.

6. Various State Governments and implementing agencies are being advised to make use of the above recommendations in development and popularisation of new and renewable sources of energy.

Pottern Irrigation Project in Orissa

4162. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have accorded approval to the revised estimates for pottern irrigation project in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the grant-in-aid has since been released; and

(d) if not, when it is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). The Public Investment Board has cleared the revised estimates for an estimated cost of Rs. 88.88 crores in its meeting held on 6.12.1990 subject to furnishing of the required environmental data by the State Government to be Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(c) and (d). An amount of Rs. 59.70 crores has so far been reimbursed by Government of India.

Requirement of Newsprint

4163. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

the total quantity requirement and pro-

duction of newsprint in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): The total demand for newsprint in the country during 1991-92 is estimated at 5.60 lakh Metric Ton (MTs).

The production target of newsprint in the country during the year 1991-92 is 2.95 lakh MTs and the actual production achieved between April, 1991 and January, 1992 is 2,35,212 MT.

Public Telephones

4164. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SAHRIMATI RITA VERMA:
SHRI N.K. BALIYAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target was fixed for opening of public telephones during 1991-92 in Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the number of public telephones opened in the above states during the same period, district-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Thermal Power Station at Sagardighi, West Bengal

4165. SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for setting up of a thermal power station at Sagardighi, West Bengal has been awaiting clearance for many years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, along with the details of the scheme; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) have received in March, 1992, from the West Bengal Power Development Corporation, a revised Project Feasibility Report of 4x500 MW Thermal Power Station at Murshidabad envisaging installation of 2x500 MW in Stage-I and 2x500 MW in Stage-II for techno-economic appraisal. The State Authorities have obtained environmental clearance in respect of the proposed station for a capacity of 1000 MW and have also tied up water availability. Other essential inputs such as coal linkage and its transportation, fly ash management plan, clearance from Civil Aviation authorities and compliance of Section 29 of Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 etc. are yet to be tied up by the State Authorities. The scheme is not in a state of readiness for techno-economic clearance by the CEA and could be considered only after all the essential inputs have been tied up and the requisite clearances have been obtained by the State Authorities.

[Translation]

Tourist Places in Haryana

4166. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state the details of the tourist places in Haryana, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): The Central Department of Tourism does not maintain district-wise list of tourist places in the States. However, the Central Department of Tourism in consultation with the State Government have identified the following travel circuits for phased development.

- (Delhi) - Suraj Kund - Badkhal - Hodal - Palwal - Sohna - Dharuhera - Sultanpur - Gurgaon - (Delhi).
- (Delhi) - Rohtak - Panipat - Karnal - Kurukshetra - Tajewala - Kalesar - Sidhaaura - Narayangarh - Panchkula - Pinjore - Chandigarh.

[English]

Power Losses in DESU

4167. SHRI NITISH KUMAR:
DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether factory owners in Delhi have demanded three year freeze in DESU tariff rates;

(b) whether any estimate of power losses in transmission and distribution and distribution system in Delhi has been made;

(c) if so, the percentage thereof;

(d) whether DESU are incurring heavy losses due to theft of power also;

(e) if so, the estimated annual loss on this account; and